they have not come to my notice and the Department says that they have not been brought to their notice either.

Mr. President: I think, we should make arrangements that the recommendations of the Irrigation Board should be brought to the notice of the Minister also.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, Sir, we will make that arrangement.

T. A. DRAWN BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANCHAYATS IN 1115 AND 1116

205. മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്ര അയ്യർ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ദയവായി ദയവുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ക ക ക ൪ -ൽ പബ്ലിക്ക് ഹെൽത്ത് പഞ്ചായത്ത് ഡയറക്ടർ ശരാശരി ഒരു മാസത്തിൽ എത്ര അലവൻസ് പറ്റിയിരുന്നു;

(ബി) ക ക ക ന -ൽ എത്ര വീതമാണ്?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ :

(എ) & (ബി) ക ക ക ൪-ൽ ശരാശരി മാസത്തൊരും വ്യ ക. ക൨ണ. വീതവും ക ക ക ന -ൽ വ്യ ക. ക ക ണ. വീതവും ടി. എ. പറ്റിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ELECTIONS TO PANCHAYATS AND TOWN COUNCILS IN 1116

206. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of elections conducted and the date of holding such elections of Panchayats and Town Councils during the months of Kanni and Thulam 1116?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

Name of Panchayat or Town Councils		*No. of elections*	*Date*
Kanni 1116			
Kodannur Panchayat		1	10—2—1116
Thulam 1116			
Malayattur	,,	1	21—3—1116
Tolur	,,	1	7—3—1116 & 22—3—1116
Arthat	,,	1	5—3—1116
Chundal	,,	1	5—3—1116 & 24—3—1116
Pattancheri	,,	1	13—3—1116
Lokamaleswaram Panchayat		1	12—3—1116
Vadakkancheri Town Council		1	12—3—1116

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Kunnamkulam	Town Council	5	15—3—1116
Nemmara	,,	5	19—3—1116

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that all local elections in British India have been stayed on account of war conditions?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, why it is not found advisable to discontinue the elections in Cochin?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As a matter of fact, representations were made to me; but here the elections come off continuously. Every month there are elections and it is very difficult to prescribe a time limit. There is a Panchayat Conference next month and I suggest that this matter will be discussed at that conference and after ascertaining their views, proper action will be taken.

Mr. President: In British India, have they stopped elections in the Municipalities?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Yes, in Municipalities, District Boards, every where.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Here the difficulty is this. Suppose we postpone the elections by one year. Some of the Panchayats would have been elected only five or six months ago and the question would be how to give this period of extension to such Panchayats. Therefore the best thing will be to have a full discussion in the conference, and ascertain their views. It will most probably come off within one month.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* You conducted elections to Town Councils.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is inevitable, unless Government proposed to nominate all the members to a new Council.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : ഇവിടെ ഇലക്ഷൻ നടത്തുന്നതിനു എത്ര ബൂത്തുകളുണ്ടാകുമെന്നു?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : കംബ്ലെയിന്റ്സ് വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : എത്ര കംബ്ലെയിന്റ്സാണു വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു? ഇലക്ഷൻ നടത്തേണ്ട എന്നുള്ള കംബ്ലെയിന്റ്സാണോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : പല കംപ്ലെയിന്റ്സുമുണ്ട്.

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Mr. President: I do not understand how the war conditions affect Panchayat elections.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They say there is a general depression.

Mr. President: In British India, there are various other considerations on which they have stopped the elections, not merely the economic depression consequent on the war and things like that. There are various political considerations also as a result of which they have postponed the elections. But those reasons do not affect the State. I do not think even in the matter of Panchayat elections we need blindly follow what has been done in British India.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Defence of India Act has been made applicable to Cochin also.

Mr. President: I do not think these issues come under Panchayat elections.

PORATHISSERI PANCHAYAT—REPRESENTATION REGARDING RURAL LIBRARY

207. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have got representations from the Porathisseri Panchayat for sanctioning a rural library for them;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to provide one for this Panchayat at least next year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This will be considered.

SRIMOOLANAGARAM PANCHAYAT COURT—OCCASIONS FOR NON-HOLDING OF

208. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) on how many occasions during the years 1114 and 1115 the Srimoolanagaram Panchayat court was not held—

(*i*) for want of a quorum;

(*ii*) owing to the absence of the President and Senior Judge;

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